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SUBJECT: NEW DUTCH REGULATION ON SULPHUR CONTENT IN FUELS

1. DUTCH HEALTH MINISTER VORRINK ANNOUNCED OCT 1 THAT
EFFECTIVE NOV 1 MAXIMUM SULPHUR CONTENT OF FUELS SOLD IN
NETHS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

PERCENT

HEAVY FUEL OIL	2.9
NO. 2 HEATING OIL	0.9
NO. 1 HEATING OIL AND DIESEL	0.7
OTHER FUELS	1.5

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2. PURPOSE IS TO REDUCE SO-2 POLLUTION IN URBAN AREAS.
TOLERANCES WILL BE FURTHER TIGHTENED IN JULY 1975,
DECEMBER 1975 AND JULY 1976.

3. INDUSTRY SOURCES TELL US THESE INITIAL TOLERANCES HAVE
BEEN INFORMALLY APPLIED BY LOCAL REFINERIES FOR SOME MONTHS
WITHOUT INCONVENIENCE. HIGH SULPHUR FUEL OIL HAS SIMPLY
BEEN DIVERTED TO BOOMING BUNKER MARKET. MORE RESTRICTIVE
TOLERANCES TO BE INTRODUCED LATER, HOWEVER, CAN ONLY BE MET
BY INVESTMENT IN DESULPHURIZING EQUIPMENT (WHICH IS NOT
PRESENTLY PLANNED BY ANY REFINERY) OR BY GREATER BLENDING
OF LOW-SULPHUR CRUDE WHICH MAY BE IN SHORT SUPPLY AT THAT
TIME. THUS MADAME VORRINK'S FUTURE TARGETS MAY NOT PROVE
ATTAINABLE ON SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED.
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